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DIPLOMATS ARE IN BAD REPUTE

German People Bitterly Criticising Failure of Representatives—Kaiser, Lowered in Popular Esteem.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A neutral observer who has just completed a journey through Germany and Austria, writing in the Times his impressions of a visit to Berlin, says:

"The open criticism of German diplomacy by all classes seemed to me extraordinary. That the Kaiser's finance was not advised of the war in due time in order to call in loans ranies in their minds. That the country was not informed of the English point of view, or was falsely advised, is felt bitterly. In fact, German diplomats are in such disrepute at the present moment that I heard more than one person declare: 'We will have no diplomatic peace,' and I know that the great industrial, banking and commercial men in Germany expect to be consulted should the occasion arise."

"For not a man in Germany but believes that the end will be favorable, but, strangely enough, one hears but little talk of victory, little boasting over the progress of the German arms, and stranger still for a foreigner, the Emperor's name rarely, if ever, figures in conversation. In point of popularity with the people he ranks about fifth."

"Hindenburg is, of course, the national hero, though among the well-informed his chief of staff, Ludendorff, is given credit for these victories. Next comes the Crown Prince, and nothing could attest to his rising fame more strikingly than the fact that brilliant non-attaches a la Kaiser have practically disappeared. All officers having cut their teeth on the toothbrush style worn by the heir-apparent to the imperial throne. After him—and running a close third, comes Zeppelin, the man who has made England shiver and shake with fear and hope about in the dark, to the delight of all Berliners; then Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, and the Crown Prince of Wurtemberg, both having proved themselves greater military leaders; then the Kaiser."

U. S. HOSTILITY MAY BE DESIRED

Mr. Sidney Low Refers to Points of Advantage Which Germany Might Hope to Gain by Provoking America.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Daily Chronicle this morning publishes an article by Sydney Low, the publicist, entitled "Does Germany Want War With America?"

Mr. Low has an idea that it may suit the Berlin Government group, recognizing the failure of the Hertzog-Berling cruise, to provoke the United States into abandoning its neutrality and openly joining the anti-German combination.

The latest menace of the Allies' commerce, he suggests, may have been designed for that purpose. Mr. Low argues in this way:

"The attempt to gain American friendship has failed, but something may be done with American enmity. Suppose the Washington Government could be incited to declare war against Germany. The military and naval position of that country would be no worse than it is now. American dread-nought would only be a superfluous addition to the British and French battlefleets, and the American army, if it could be sent to Europe, is too small to count.

"But the German Government would gain some substantial advantages. It would be able to save its face with its own subjects, and might acknowledge an inevitable defeat without provoking a domestic revolution. It could point out that against the 'decadent' French, the barbarous Muscovites and the detestable British it had been waging a victorious contest, and only gave way when the tremendous weight of the great republic was thrown into the adverse scale."

"Germany, it could argue, might fight all Europe, but cannot be expected to fight all the world. With so plausible an excuse for surrender the Hohenzollerns might keep their throne and the Prussians retain their hegemony."

"In another way America might prove useful to the rulers of Germany. When the time comes to treat for peace, it would be very much in their interests to have an American plenipotentiary at the conference table."

"From the European Allies they know that they need hope for no indulgence. Hard and bitter will be the terms. Outraged nations will exact from the savage aggressor. Stern reparation will be taken for the sacrifice of Belgium, the ravaging of France and Poland, the shooting of civilians, the murder of women and children, the sinking of hospital ships and merchant steamers. All the Allies have a terrible score to settle with Germany, and they intend to do it."

"But America has not, nor is likely to have the same motives to harden her heart as the European states. She will come to the council board in a somewhat detached frame of mind, with which her statesmen usually contemplate European politics, not specially enthusiastic for the cause of the Allies and perhaps a little disposed to sympathize with Germany as the under dog."

"One can imagine how the Bernstorffs, the Dernburgs, and the journalistic bottle-holders will play upon this sentiment: how American chivalry will be invoked to deal generously with a gallant adversary; how the idealist President, not unmindful of the German-American vote, will be urged to oppose the vindictiveness of those of us here in Europe who do not intend to wait to fight for our lives for a second time."

"All this would suit the diplomats of the Wilhelmstrasse very well indeed. They cannot wish to be left alone in the day of their humiliation with their present opponents. America would make a very convenient shock absorber, per-

CONCEALED CONTRABAND

X-Ray Examination Reveals Presence of Sheets of Rubber in Cargo of Cotton Waste

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The X-ray examinations of cotton cargoes or outgoing British ships which have been conducted by the representatives of the British Government for several months as a means of preventing shipment of contraband of war revealed today that bales of cotton waste consigned aboard the White Star liner Cretic contained rubber. The Cretic is due to sail tomorrow for Mediterranean ports. The consignment was given by officials of the line as a firm in Genoa, Italy.

The rubber was in the form of sheets, and easily concealed. Each of the 178 bales in the consignment contained about four pounds. The entire consignment was refused shipment when the contraband was discovered, it is said.

BELGIAN RELIEF IS HEAVY TASK

Large Percentage of Population Must Be Provided With Bread and Many With Food and Clothing.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—All agencies engaged in Belgian relief must occupy themselves for the present with the immediate task of providing bread for the total population of Belgium and of supplying all food for one-fifth of the population, which is entirely dependent upon such charitable aid, according to the second report of the relief commission sent abroad by the Rockefeller Foundation to investigate the effects of the war upon non-combatants.

This report, given out tonight by the Foundation, states also that clothing must be supplied to certain communities, temporary shelter must be arranged for many families and employment must be given as far as possible to the unemployed. These relief measures, the commission estimates, will necessitate an expenditure of about \$6,000,000 a month.

Of the total Belgian population of 7,000,000, the report states, 80 per cent are able to pay for their bread; but the grain from which to make the bread must be purchased in foreign countries, transported into Belgium and distributed under the protection of the American Government. About sixty thousand tons of grain monthly are required for the feeding of the population, it is figured, and the purchase and transport of the grain will cost about \$2,600,000 a month.

The remaining 20 per cent of the Belgian non-combatants are without resources, the report states.

RUSSIANS MEET HEAVY PRESSURE

Austro-German Forces Striving Hard for Mastery on Eastern Front—Losses and Gains in Western Theatre.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The sustained Austro-German pressure on the Eastern front, with the admission by Petrograd that the Russians plan to assume the defensive on their own territory, is a feature of the military situation.

The Germans claim to have made progress in Bukovina, and unofficial advisers from Budapest even say that the Austrians have swept as far east as Czernowitz, although the latest official communication from Vienna does not so state. However it is claimed that Nadworna, in Southeastern Galicia, has been occupied by them.

There is no noteworthy change in the Western theatre. The Germans took a thousand yards of trenches south of Ypres, but the Allies partly balanced this by capturing about 300 yards between Bethune and La Bassée.

Blockade Gets Attention

The British public is centering its interest just now in the outcome of the German so-called blockade of British waters, due to begin on February 18. The speeches in the House of Commons by Mr. David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, the former explaining the concerted financial plans of the Allies, and the latter reviewing the naval situation and promising the utmost endeavors to cut off all German food supplies, have temporarily overshadowed the war news.

The Royal Dutch Steamship Company today suspended service to Havre on account of the German threat and, according to later despatches, all Dutch shipping companies have decided to suspend service to England after February 3.

The British steamer Wavelet, from Penaeola, struck a mine in the English Channel. The loss of life numbered 32, and the steamer was beached.

Want Another Emden

LONDON, Feb. 16.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says that at a private meeting of German Socialists it was agreed, in view of the sacrifices already made by the laboring class, not to support extreme measures until the Germans are victorious on one front or the other.

The leaders of the party were instructed to uphold this stand in the Reichstag. Collections are being taken up in the German armies in the East and the West, the correspondent says, to purchase another cruiser Emden.

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GERMANY'S NAVY BAD INVESTMENT

Significant Admission of Berlin Papers in Regard to Present Dangers of Empire—Naval Propaganda Cause.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Naval and Military Record says:

"The German newspapers are beginning to admit that their navy has proved a bad investment. It is very significant that The Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, has been led to admit that the dangers which at present menace Germany are far greater than those of 1870, and that 'these dangers would not exist if we had not in the meantime developed so wonderfully.'"

"This paper proceeds to discuss the growth of European armies, but it does not find in this movement a satisfactory explanation of the difficulties which are increasingly embarrassing the Germans. It admits that 'the decisive change does not, however, lie in the increase of armament, but in the fact that while Germany, forty-four years ago, was only a land power, she has since forced her way up to the position of one of the most important naval powers. But even more remarkable than this admission is the statement that 'without this development we should, perhaps, not have the war today.'"

"The Germans in fact are beginning to realize that their navy has proved an exceedingly costly investment. They are not content with the increase of the army, but it was the naval movement which most arrested the attention of the world and created that spirit of hostility to German ambition which has found expression in other countries. This effect was produced less perceptibly by the building of ships than by the propaganda which was encouraged by Admiral Van Tirpitz. Americans, for instance, were not alarmed so much by the navy acts as by the declaration by the Kaiser that he was 'Admiral of the Atlantic,' that the 'trident must be in Germany's fist' and that 'nothing must occur in any ocean of the world without Germany's consent.'"

LIST OF CASUALTIES

Considerable Number of Dead and Wounded in Latest Report—Casualties of Indian Forces

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The following casualties were issued last night from the headquarters of the expeditionary forces:

Killed: Christy, Lieutenant P. A., Essex Regiment, Forke, Second Lieutenant, 5th Battalion, London Regiment, Murray-Yerzies, Second Lieutenant C. W., Black Watch.

Died of wounds: Anderson, Captain W. F., Royal Fusiliers, Charles, Lieutenant J. A. M., Shropshire Light Infantry.

Officer died: Barnard, Second Lieutenant D. H. L., Royal Field Artillery.

Wounded: Carlton, Lieutenant, South Lancashire Regiment, Battie, Second Lieutenant P. L. M., Grenadier Guards, Brignier, Second Lieutenant, Yorkshire Light Infantry, Bussell, Captain T. E., Royal Scots, Cranshaw, Captain E. N., Royal Fusiliers, Gibbs, Captain E. L., North Somerset Yeomanry, Godolphin, Captain, Rifle Brigade, Thompson, Second Lieutenant, is not wounded, but missing.

Casualties in Indian forces—Died of wounds: Hannerman, Captain O. W. E., 15th Lancers.

Wounded: Barston, Major H., 38th Dogras.

Prisoner: Wylie, Captain M., 4th Gurkhas.

Killed in Egypt: Cochran, Captain L. F. A., 72nd Punjab.

Austria Saving Barley

VIENNA, Feb. 15.—A cabinet order forbids the use of barley for making malt. The decree aims at securing the available stocks of barley as a substitute for wheat.

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NEUTRALS MUST STAY AT HOME

Ultimatum Presented by German Newspapers in Reference to War Zone—Ambassador Gerard Interviewed.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—The Vossische Zeitung says:

"If the American Government has no means to prevent the shipment of arms to England, because this would be a breach of neutrality, then Germany's naval force will find a means to prevent it. If innocent Powers suffer thereby they have the means to avoid the danger, namely, stay at home.

"If they act otherwise they will expose themselves to the suspicion of acting against German interests."

Influential organs like The Frankfurter Zeitung and The Hamburger Nachrichten express surprise that the United States sends a protest to Germany after ignoring Great Britain's declaration of the entire North Sea as a theatre of war.

The text of the American note was published here today, and, as a consequence, the comment is brief.

Count Ernst Reventlow, the naval expert, however, wrote prior to its publication:

"Should the United States wish a breach with the German Empire we can assure them that the German people, as one man, will stand behind the Government if it adheres with firm determination to the stand taken with mature deliberation."

"The entire German people would demand and expect this unyielding firmness of the Government."

The National Zeitung yesterday published an interview with James W. Gerard, the United States Ambassador to Germany, concerning the situation brought about by the presentation of the American note to the German Government relative to neutral shipping in the sea zone recently created by Germany.

The Ambassador expressed regret at the sharp tone of some of the American and German newspapers, but said that he was sure this would not disturb the friendly relations between the two countries.

"Why should Germany and the United States wage war on each other?" Mr. Gerard asked the interviewer. "There is not the slightest question of a conflict between them; their interests oppose each other nowhere in the world."

Asked by the interviewer concerning the attitude of German-Americans, Ambassador Gerard is reported in The National Zeitung as having answered:

"People in Germany are too readily disposed to believe that German-Americans would be first Germans and then Americans in case of war. Exactly the opposite would be the case. American citizens of German birth are first and foremost Americans, and the same is true of Irish-Americans."

"When asked concerning the sale of weapons to the Allied Powers, the Ambassador called attention to the provision of The Hague Convention, which permitted this. He expressed inability to understand why, after six months of war, the United States should be reproached because of the sale by American war munitions, when no objection had been raised as to its legality before."

Recently, said Ambassador Gerard, the feeling appeared to be gaining ground in the United States that the sale of munitions was not "fair," but he contended that if the sharp tone of the German attacks upon this subject continued there was danger that this feeling would be nipped. However, he is quoted by the newspaper as saying, public opinion in America naturally was most concerned by the possibility of an American ship being sunk by submarines.

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EARTHQUAKES IN ITALY

District Severely Visited Some Weeks Ago In April Shakes—Several Towns Are Damaged

ROME, Feb. 15.—Renewed earthquake shocks occurred today in parts of the district in central Italy visited by the seismic disturbance several weeks ago. One person was killed and six persons injured in the collapse of a house at Nashedo. At Rocca Sinibaldi, the bell-tower of the convent of Santa Maria fell upon several houses, burying ten persons. Cittaducale was entirely wrecked, and at Veroli several houses were rendered uninhabitable.

Since the recent disaster the district almost daily has been shaken by earthquakes. Today's disturbance occurred at ten minutes after two o'clock this morning, but it was only this evening that it was learned that much damage had resulted and that at least one fatality had occurred.

The population of Cittaducale is camping in the open air, despite the heavy rain that is falling. There are about 2,000 people in the village, which is in the province of Aquila, five miles east of Rieta.

GERMAN OFFER OF COMPROMISE

Would Forego Submarine Warfare if Allowed the Free Importation of Foodstuffs—United States So Notified.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Three days remain before the German Admiralty proposes to carry into effect its proclamation ordering a submarine campaign on enemy merchant ships, and developments in the diplomatic situation moved rapidly today through the medium of the United States Government, custodian of the diplomatic interests of the various belligerents.

Germany Makes Offer
Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, delivered a note to the United States which was promptly transmitted to Great Britain, in which Germany offered to recede from her plans of destroying enemy merchant ships if restrictions placed by the Allies on shipments of conditional contraband and foodstuffs destined to the civilian population of Germany were removed.

Otherwise, the note announced, Germany proposes to put into effect the original proclamation, adding also the sowing of mines in waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland. Alleged arming of British merchant vessels is given by the enemy as the ground for attacking merchant ships without search. The Ambassador's communication was sent from Berlin before the recent note was delivered by Ambassador Gerard, and is supplemental to the German Foreign Office memorandum on the subject of the new war zone.

Britain's Note on Contraband
While the German Ambassador conferred with Secretary Bryan, the complete text of the British reply to the American note of protest on shipping, dated December 28, was received. It was laid before President Wilson. Besides giving statistics on neutral commerce and entering a general denial that there had been any unwarranted interference with legitimate shipments, the new note contains a statement from Great Britain that the recent decree relating to flour and grain supply in Germany required additional precautions on the part of the Allies that conditional contraband might not be permitted to reach the armed forces of the enemy. The document contains a further statement of the British Government on the legal questions involved. The final text will not be given until after an agreement for publication is reached with the British Foreign Office.

Another development which bears directly on the submarine warfare threatened by Germany was the dispatching of a telegram by the State Department today to Ambassador Page instructing him to submit to the British Foreign Office evidence given here by the American steamer Wilhelmina to prove that her cargo consists of foodstuffs destined for the civilian population and not subject to seizure. The suggestion is made that unless Great Britain has sufficient ground not yet advanced for doing otherwise, the ship be allowed to at once proceed with the cargo to her destination.

Regarded as Test
From the German point of view, the Wilhelmina constitutes a test round which revolves the entire question of feeding Germany.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, discussed the situation with the State Department officials. On all sides it is admitted here that the developments of the last few days present a most serious situation for American commerce. Administration officials think that even though assurances are given eventually by Germany that neutral ships will not be attacked, the effect of the war zone proclamation will be to intimidate American shippers to reduce American exports.

That the next step by the United States will be a pronounced statement to Great Britain on the subject of conditional contraband, was indicated at the State Department today.

SHOOTING IN SEATTLE

Laborer Kills Clerk in Northern Pacific Claims Office on Being Refused Fifty Cents Damages

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—Richard Inento, a laborer, late today entered the office of A. M. Lee, assistant general claim agent of the Northern Pacific Railway, shot and killed Charles Dryden, Mr. Lee's chief clerk, and shot and probably fatally wounded R. E. Patton, another clerk in the office. Inento, who was also known as Nicholas Kolomonen, was shot and probably fatally wounded by the police.

The shooting followed Dryden's refusal to give Inento fifty cents. Inento had been visiting the claim agent's office for several weeks demanding compensation for an injury received on the railroad in Montana a few months ago. Settlement could not be made here because it was said the Montana division was outside the jurisdiction of the Seattle office.

When Dryden was killed the only other employee in the office was Miss Vera Lockhart, a stenographer, who escaped by running into an adjoining office and jumping from a second story window into the arms of freight clerks from the office below.

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SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL

Three Men of Princess Patricia Regiment at Shorncliffe for Treatment—Hard Experiences in Trenches

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Some expectancy is expressed at Shorncliffe that the camp evacuated by Kitchener's army may be occupied by the next Canadian contingent.

The Queen's Military Hospital at Shorncliffe has now three men from

the Princess Patricia Infantry—Private Hennings, of Toronto; Private Goodwin, of Calgary; and Bugler Walker, of Winnipeg. Hennings and Goodwin arrived a week ago, and Walker came on Friday. The bugler had a bullet through the shoulder, which pierced one of his lungs and emerged near the spine. Despite his serious wound, Walker is making a good recovery. Goodwin and Hennings are suffering from frostbitten feet.

Although the firing-line was bad, the

dugouts in which they lived were infinitely worse, said one of the men. The firing was incessant, and it rained all the time the Pats were in the trenches. At present there are only twenty soldiers in the Shorncliffe hospital, and these are mostly convalescents. Fresh arrivals are expected daily. Under the skilled treatment of Colonel Donald Armstrong and Dr. Wallace, who comes from Guelph, some astonishing cures have resulted from some apparently hopeless cases.

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THE WAR

Only two incidents were reported from the Western front yesterday that invite comment. One was the capture by the Allies of an important trench on the La Basse-Bethune road.

Developments in the Eastern field progress slowly. The retirement of the Russians from East Prussia is asserted by Petrograd to have been purely for strategic purposes.

The general conclusion that seemed warranted by what has recently transpired is that Russia, confident in her inexhaustible resources, is content to play a waiting game.

It is interesting to read of protests from Berlin that the British action in regard to German commerce was contrary to international law.

LAND CLEARING

In a very interesting report made by a Provincial land surveyor, occurs this sentence: "The land on the higher level can be cleared for \$25 an acre."

As an illustration, take the case of the land above mentioned, which can be cleared at \$25 an acre. Assuming that this estimate is based upon wages at \$2.50 a day, ten days' work would be necessary to clear an acre; but if the owner of the land cleared it himself, he would only be out of pocket what it cost to keep him while he was working.

The principle underlying this error runs through the whole subject of farm accounts. To judge of the relative profitability of farming operations, it is necessary to charge against them a number of things, such as the cost of labor, whether it be that of the farmer himself or of hired men.

DEPARTURE OF THE 30th

The departure of the 30th Battalion for the seat of war was an impressive event. While we are growing more and more accustomed to seeing our brave fellows take leave of us and set out on a mission of which no one can foresee the end, the sadness and solemnity of such occasions grow with repetition.

THE WAR TAXES

We do not suppose that Mr. White, Finance Minister, is any more enamored of the new system of war taxes than anyone else will be. In Canada we have become so accustomed to paying taxes for Federal purposes without being conscious of the fact at the time, that it will be more or less of a nuisance to have to put war stamps on letters, cheques and other things, and to pay a little more for railway and steamer tickets, berths on trains and steamers and the various other impositions whereby Mr. White hopes to make up a part of the loss of revenue.

It is obvious that there is a limit beyond which the duties of imports cannot be increased without causing a reduction of imports to such a degree that the revenue will fall off instead of expanding. Whether by a decrease of duties imports could be so stimulated that the lower duties would yield an increased revenue is problematical; but it is not desirable to reduce the tariff as a temporary expedient to augment the revenue, even if there was a certainty that it would have such an effect.

BRITISH TIMBER IMPORTS

In 1914 the United Kingdom imported timber to the value of \$75,000,000, of which nearly one-third came from Russia, Sweden and Norway, together furnishing rather more than Russia, so that these three countries supplied the United Kingdom with about two-thirds of her requirements in this line.

wood is gaining in popularity, being found well adapted to purposes for which hitherto pitch pine has been used, and also because it is being employed in lieu of the cheaper woods from Northern Europe.

LITERATURE AND WAR

A literary critic in the United States complains that the war has so far produced no literature worthy of the occasion. That depends upon the point of view. From the standpoint of the dilettante, who sits in his comfortable armchair before the fire, his war may appear very barren in this respect, but after all what he may think does not count in real things.

TIGHTENING THE CORDON

Mr. Winston Churchill announces that the grip of the British Navy on the economic life of Germany will be tightened. In future the search for contraband of war in neutral ships will be closer than ever in the past.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT

The French War Office has summed up in tabular form the significant features of the struggle on the Western front during the two months from November 15 to January 15. In all there are recorded thirty-one successes for the Allies, as compared with seven for the Germans.

DESTRUCTION OF THE HALLES

Destruction of the Halles (Market Place) Cathedral and hospital of Ypres.

DESTRUCTION OF NIEUPORT TOWN

Destruction of Nieuport Town and Nieuport Baths, the bathing village on the coast.

BOMBARDMENTS OF ARMENTIERES, BETHUNE AND ARRAS

The retaking of Hill 132 and of Crouy, and a gain of three-quarters to one mile to the north of Soissons.

AN ADVANCE OF 255 YARDS IN THE ARGONNE

An advance of 255 yards in the Argonne near the stream of the Meurissons on a front of 874 yards.

BOMBARDMENT OF A CHURCH AT NANCY

Bombardment of a church at Nancy and of a hospital at Thann.

THE FOLLOWING WERE THE RESULTS OBTAINED BY THE ALLIES:

The retaking of all the left bank on the Yser between Knoeke and Hetas.

ERECTOR OF A BRIDGE HEAD OF TWO AND A HALF MILES IN THIS REGION

Placing of a bridge head to the south of Dixmude.

TAKING OF ST. GEORGES, FERRYMAN'S HOUSE, AND THE KORTERK INN

General extension of the Allies' front around Ypres.

CEASATION OF THE ENEMY'S INFANTRY ATTACKS

Taking of the chateau and the village of Vermeles, and the route.

TAKING OF NUMEROUS GERMAN TRENCHES BETWEEN ALX NOULETTE AND CARENCEY

Retaking of Partelle St. Laurent and Blangy, near Arras.

TAKING OF LA BOISSELLE

Taking of German trenches at Lihons. Taking of Quenoy's Saniters at the end of October, and progress to the east since then.

GENERAL EXTENSION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE ALLIES' FRONT

The taking of German trenches at Namport and the plain of Novron.

TAKING OF SPUR 132, SINCE LOST AGAIN

Destruction of numerous German guns.

de la Gurie, and of Bolanta, and the repulse of numerous attacks.

EXTENSION OF THE ALLIES' FRONT AROUND YPRES

Destruction of numerous enemy batteries.

IMPORTANT PROGRESS IN THE WOODS OF CONSENVOYE, APREMONT, ALLY, MORTMARE, AND LE PETRE

Check of all the German attacks. Progress to the northeast of Nancy, at Lemenil, and in the forest of Farroy.

PROGRESS TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF SENONES AND IN ALL THE BAN DE SAPT

Taking of a point which commands Ste. Marie.

COMPLETE CHECK OF THIRTY-FOUR COUNTER-ATTACKS MADE BY THE ENEMY

Taking of Asbach, Steinbach and the heights to the east.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MUNSTER, CERNAY AND ALTIRICH

Mr. Winston Churchill announces that the grip of the British Navy on the economic life of Germany will be tightened.

IF GERMANY HAD A FEW HUNDRED SUBMARINES INSTEAD OF A FEW SCORE

threat of a blockade would be ineffective in turning the Admiralty from the policy it has set out to accomplish.

AS IF TO ADD FURTHER EMPHASIS TO HER THREAT

it is now stated that mines are to be laid around the coasts of the British Isles.

ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN MUCH SPECULATION AS TO HOW GERMANY PROPOSES TO ACCOMPLISH HER PURPOSE

for over six months the enemy has had his submarines in the North Sea and the English Channel straining every effort to torpedo transports.

UNDoubtedly merchant ships will in future run a greater risk, but the arm of the Admiralty is a long one

and it is certain that, despite the pre-occupation in the North Sea, means will be found to afford protection elsewhere around the shores of the United Kingdom.

With her merchant marine swept from the seas, her navy bottled up at its bases, her fishing fleet confined to the Baltic, and Britain's power of searching neutral vessels unrelaxed,

it is difficult to conceive how the enemy's policy of mine laying, over so many trade routes, and along some thousands of miles of coastline, can be effected.

Submarines may be able to sow mines during night time, but their area of operation will be limited, and it is a simple matter to divert merchantmen from existing trade routes.

If the menace grows formidable, the Admiralty can take over Britain's mercantile marine and convoy fleets of steamers from port to port.

It is unlikely that this course will be necessary, for there are other ways in which the submarine danger can be minimized.

Mr. Churchill's statement that sterner measures than any yet attempted are to be brought to bear against Germany is no guarantee that the Government is in no wise perturbed by the threat which the enemy hopes to put into execution after February 18.

Egypt is not a fruitful field for the operations of the Berlin Press Bureau, although we note that some Arabs believe the following: "A German Taube, under cover of darkness, made an exceedingly audacious but successful flight to London."

It made its way to Buckingham Palace, flew in through a window, took King George V. a prisoner, and brought His Majesty to Germany willy-nilly the smallest accident."

A Winnipeg dispatch seems to indicate that some, at least, of the First Canadian Contingent may already be in the battle-line.

So many conflicting reports have been received on this score that we are quite unable to decide what is the truth.

It seems to us, however, that if the Canadians, other than the frontiers of the Princess Patricia's Own, have gone to the front, some definite notices would have been given.

It is difficult to see what purpose there would be in keeping such a fact secret.

The Brockville aeroplanes scare recalls some previous instances where strange sights in the air have been reported.

A week or ten days ago a lady rang up The Colonist to ask if we had heard anything of an aircraft of some kind that had passed over the city.

She said it was at a great height and carried a very brilliant headlight. Then a short time before that a story came out of the Okanagan of one or more aircraft cruising over that region and whose searchlights illuminated the snow upon the mountains.

Many people may recall the very circumbustious tale, which came out of Cariboo some years ago, which related how some women had seen a great balloon pass at a very considerable elevation.

As it was not long after the disappearance of Andre and his companions in the North, the suggestion was that the balloon was the ill-fated one carrying him and his companions.

Such are a few illustrations of what must have been delusions, of which many could be cited. Of course, it is always possible that in some cases the alleged observers have been romancing.

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For instance, there is a Norfolk Suit, the coat of which has two box pleats on each side, from a yoke effect; patch pockets, fastened from a belt of military style, make a pretty touch. The skirt of this suit has two box pleats in the front and one behind. The material is a pretty rough tweed of a sand shade. The price is only \$22.50

Another smart suit is a novelty weave in golden brown. The coat has wide square-cut lapels and is rather short with a high belt. The skirt is of medium width and pleated at the bottom. The price is \$24.50

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Special Mail Arrives - The mail which arrived on Sunday consisted of 11 bags of letters and 5 of papers. It left England on January 29, taking fifteen days for the passage.

The University - Dr. F. F. Westbrook, president of the University of British Columbia, and Professor Kinloch, dean of the agricultural faculty, spent yesterday in the city, and conferred with Sir Richard McBride and the Hon. Dr. Young, relative to University matters.

Number Committee to Meet - A committee meeting of the Board of Trade special committee on lumber will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. A number of matters that have recently been brought to the attention of the board in connection with the British Columbia industry will be discussed, and other business previously alluded to will be furthered.

Band Concert Enjoyed - 5th Regiment Night at the Royal Victoria Theatre, last Sunday evening was a pronounced success, all the soloists being recalled and the band numbers being particularly good. The paraphrase on the "Wearing of the Green," with Bandman T. Culross playing the basson solo, greatly pleased the audience, and the selection from Ernani received hearty applause. The concert as a whole was considered one of the best this season.

Unemployed Problem - This morning, the Provincial Government will be waited upon by a deputation from the Vancouver civic relief committee relative to the unemployed problem in that city. It will be urged that the situation has latterly been aggravated by the arrival of hundreds of men from points outside the city. The deputation will consist of Mayor Taylor, Alderman McBeath, Mr. J. H. McVety, Mr. J. N. Harvey, Rev. Father O'Boyle and Relief Officer Ireland.

Relief Appreciated - The officers and members of the Victoria Volunteer Reserve wish to thank the following gentlemen for their services, and gifts which made their dance on Friday such a success: Col. E. G. Prior, Capt. Langley, McConnan, D. Spencer and Crowe, Major Walsh, Lieut. Armstrong, Grant and Fryer, Staff-Sergis, Grant and Smith, Sergis, Robertson and Bright, Ptes. Norman and Macdon; also Mrs. Machon and Mr. Jackson, of the Empress Hotel.

Volunteer Reserve Dance - The second of the series of dances given by the Victoria Volunteer Reserve took place on Friday and was a great success. About 200 people attended, amongst them many soldiers from the different regiments in the city. The proceeds of the dances are going towards the purchase of uniforms, which are being made in the city, for the members of the Volunteer Reserve, and the committee feel satisfied that, at the present rate of progress, all members will soon be provided with uniforms.

To Inspect Line - On Saturday of this week, Sir Richard McBride and his colleagues of the Provincial Government and the Members of the Legislature will be the guests of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company on a trip of inspection over the line from the terminus at Squamish as far as Lillooet. It is planned for the party to leave here by special steamer at midnight on Friday and proceed direct to Squamish. Saturday night will be spent at Lillooet and the party will return to the capital again on Monday morning.

Injured in Fall - While looking for work at the Post Office Building, yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, Patrick Whalen, a laborer, lost his balance and fell through a window on the second floor of the new wing under construction. He fell a distance of about twenty feet to the cobble stones at the rear of the building, sustaining, besides a severe cut on the head, a fracture of the left leg above the knee. In the police patrol Whalen was taken to the Royal Jubilee Hospital, after receiving attention from Dr. G. A. B. Hall, medical officer.

Fruit Packing and Pruning - Over twenty-five fruit packing schools and fifty pruning schools, under the direction of the Horticultural Branch of the Department of Agriculture, are being held throughout the Province. Great appreciation is being shown of the pruning schools, all classes being well filled. In several centres, the schools will have to be repeated to accommodate the large number of pupils anxious to avail themselves of the instruction so ably imparted by the staff of the Provincial horticulturist. In this vicinity, a school is being held this week at Gabriola Island, to be followed by one at Duncan and also Pender Island.

Bulletins Received - A further consignment of agricultural bulletins has been received by the Victoria and Island Development Association from the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. Their titles are as follows: "Sheep Husbandry in Canada," "Agricultural War Book," "The Sheep Industry in Canada, Great Britain and the United States," "Swine Husbandry in Canada," "Swine Husbandry in the United Kingdom and Denmark." The publications deal with their subjects very comprehensively and are invaluable for the knowledge that they contain. Upon application at the offices of the association, they may be consulted.

Remanded for Sentence - In the police court yesterday W. E. Pascoe and W. H. Smith admitted that they had been guilty of burglary last week in entering a Chinese house on Regard Street and making off with some property. They were taken into custody with James Huddleston, who escaped, and whom the police are seeking. They were remanded for sentence. John Farmer appeared before the magistrate, accused of being in possession of a stolen bicycle and elected for a speedy trial. Bow Wo and Soo Joo were arraigned for selling goods after the specified hours and each was fined \$7.50. A \$5 fine was imposed on Andrew Drakatis for the same offence. A remand to today was arranged in the case of Mar Chong, also accused of an infraction of a civic regulation.

Beneficial Concert - A further patriotic concert was held in Metchosin Hall on Friday evening last, under the auspices of the Women's and Farmers' Institutes. There was a good gathering present to witness the production of a laughable three-act comedy, entitled, "Our Boys," presented by the William Head Dramatic Club. The play was excellently staged and much credit is due to the performers for so excellent a production, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The concert opened with a pianoforte duet by Mrs. Percy Howitt and Mr. Fritz A. Viellon solo by Mrs. A. H. Munn who was heartily cheered, and "Your King and Country Need You," feelingly sung by Mrs. Gavin Weir, was much applauded. Bonheur's duet, "Battle Eve," was sung in vigorous style by Messrs. D. and A. Phillips, and was enthusiastically cheered. The proceeds of the concert were very satisfactory and will be devoted to the Provincial Institute's Patriotic Fund.

Electric Lighting Supplies - Supplies to the value of \$7,725 will be purchased by the city from the Canadian General Electric Company for the electric lighting service.

Uniforms for Firemen - On the recommendation of the fire wardens committee the City Council last night instructed the proper officials to advertise for bids for uniforms and caps for the members of the department.

Suggestion Tabled - Following its recent complaint to the City Council against the scattering on the streets of coolers, etc., the Rotary Merchants' Association, in a communication before the Council last night, suggested that the city charge a license fee to all parties distributing such advertising matter. The request was filed, Alderman Porter expressing the opinion that some people make a dollar or two by such work, and if the dodgers are scattered about the streets, others make a little money by picking them up.

Departure of Troops - Having accompanied the 30th Battalion as far as Vancouver, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, chaplain of the 50th Highlanders, reported last evening that the men got away in fine shape. They boarded waiting trains immediately on arriving in the Terminal City. A splendid meal had been prepared for them and beds were in readiness which, Dr. Campbell declared, made the picture of comfort. He asserts that the C. P. R. certainly had overlooked no detail in anticipating the welfare of the troops, both officers and men, in connection with transportation.

Peak Builder Regulations - The modification of the Building By-law to the extent that those who desire to erect one-story buildings may do so, was the suggestion made by the Victoria Builders' Exchange in a communication before the City Council last night. The present stringent building regulations, presented at the meeting, could be modified a great deal, thus encouraging owners to build up their vacant property. The communication was referred to the special committee recently appointed, on suggestion of Alderman Todd, to consider necessary amendments to the building, plumbing and wiring by-laws.

88th Fusiliers Band Concert - The capacity of the Theatre was taxed on Sunday evening when the military band of the 88th Regiment gave another successful performance. Mrs. A. Collins's fine soprano voice was heard in "Gods Garden," a sacred solo, proving very popular. Mrs. Victor Waram, the talented local violinist, was compelled to play three numbers before the large audience would be satisfied, and Mr. M. G. Sampson was recalled for his tenor solo. The artists were assisted by Mr. Walter Charles, who gave good support on the piano. The band numbers were all warmly cheered. Operatic excerpts and a selection of "Favorite Hymns" probably were the most popular.

Long Ballot, No Decision - For a whole hour last night the City Council battled to fill the position of market superintendent recently rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. William Dalry. In response to the advertisement for applications for the position recently read by the Mayor, the City Clerk, these were gone over by a committee which eliminated all but twenty-four and it was these that the Council battled upon last night. After eleven ballots the only two names before the Council were those of Messrs. Andrew Forbes and James Tagg. The twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth ballots were a tie, five of the board supporting Mr. Forbes and five Mr. Tagg. Finally it was decided to postpone the balloting until this afternoon when the Council will hold an adjourned session. The salary attached to the position is \$78 per month.

Engles' Dance Tonight - The Engles' annual masquerade ball takes place tonight and never before has the committee on the various preparations worked harder to make it successful. The hall has been elaborately decorated, and arrangements for the supper will receive special attention by Mr. Campbell, caterer. The Heaton-Bantly Orchestra will attend. The complete list of prizes is as follows: Grand tumbler prize for ladies, 75-piece dinner set; best dressed lady, mahogany dresser; best dressed gentleman, rocking chair; best costume representing any of the Allies, lady, silver toilet set; best costume representing any of the Allies, gentleman, shaving set; best costume representing goods made in Victoria, lady, tea set; best costume representing goods made in Victoria, gentleman, umbrella stand; most comical character, lady, hand painted vase; most comical character, gentleman, smoking set.

Was Criticism for Owners - Energetic protest against an attitude which, he asserted, was nothing short of sheer childishness, was made by Alderman Bell at last night's meeting of the City Council when a report of a committee recently appointed for the purpose was submitted recommending that the present owners of Coburg Street be adopted to the effect that that name be done away with and the name "Heckley Street" be hereafter the designation of the thoroughfare. The owners objected to Coburg because of its German origin, though the committee reported that the street had been named by a surveyor who had originally hailed from Coburg, Ontario, and who had perpetuated the name of his native town in one of Victoria's streets. Alderman Bell declared he hoped the council would not back up the owners in a spirit so contrary to the true British spirit, and Alderman Todd likened the attitude of the owners to "fighting Kruger with our mouths." The council tabled the matter for the time being.

THE WEATHER Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., February 15, 1915: RYNOPIER The barometer is abnormally low along the Coast and snow and sleet is falling in Northern British Columbia, while in the Yukon, pronounced cold waves have been heaped. The weather is mild eastward to Alberta and moderately cold in Manitoba.

TEMPERATURE table with columns for Min., Max., and other weather data for various locations including Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, Portion, Kamloops, etc.

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WOULD TAKE RELIEF FUNDS FROM REVENUE

Alderman McNeill Advocates General Contribution of \$35,000 for Amelioration of Distress in City.

An appropriation of \$35,000 for the purpose of relief was advocated by Alderman McNeill, chairman of the finance committee, when the Expenditures By-law was before the City Council last night for final consideration. In view of the divergence of opinion on the matter the by-law was tabled until next Friday afternoon, when the subject will again be taken up. This sum would be in addition to that already on hand for works.

The Alderman pointed to the example of other cities, where "emergency" votes have been made for the purpose of making provision for people out of work and in straitened circumstances. It was quite apparent the relief would be made by a provision for a certain amount of work, but none had so far been made in the estimates of general expenditure. The Municipal Act placed the responsibility upon the city to provide for the poor and destitute in some suitable manner, though the city is not bound to provide for its work. Personally he was averse to providing food to able-bodied persons, and if the money could be used for providing work the object would be better secured. While \$35,000 added to the estimates would result in a slight increase in taxes, something must be done, or else other forms of relief adopted. This relief work should be paid for by the whole city.

Burdens on Property Owners

Alderman Todd doubted if \$35,000 would go very far, though as an addition to the estimates, it would be a substantial sum by which to increase expenditures. He did not believe there would be any real solution to the unemployed question until the mills opened again and industries resumed. He would object to the money being expended on such work as the grading of streets, for to so apply it would simply be taxing property owners, many of whom are now paying for permanent improvements, to help pay for improvements on streets, the owners on which have escaped any charge for permanent works.

Alderman Sargent doubted if the system of relief work as recently put into force was meeting the situation. So far as he could see it had simply meant that men who had hitherto been working steadily at \$3 per day were kept on at a reduced rate.

Alderman McNeill explained that \$35,000 would mean an increase of about three-eighths of a mill in the tax rate. Mayor Stewart, while admitting that further consideration should be given to the matter, was emphatic in his declaration that, judging from his experience in the first few months, the thing must be done to meet a serious situation.

Member for Cowichan Introduces Important Amendment to Master and Servant Act

In the Legislature yesterday Mr. Hayward (Cowichan) introduced a bill which is of special interest to labor circles, as it is aimed to correct what the honorable member believes is a serious disability affecting those who work on railways. It is entitled "An Act to Amend the Master and Servant Act," and provides that whenever a master deducts from the wages of his workmen any sum for medical attendance, the master shall keep account of all money so deducted and details of expenditures, and a committee appointed by a majority of such workmen shall

UNIQUE FEATURES AT PANTAGES YESTERDAY

Men of 50th Found Ready Favor With Smart Vandeville

In several ways the performance at the Pantages Theatre last evening was unique. In the first place there were seven acts, for in addition to the big six-act bill of vaudeville, Manager Rice started yesterday the military exhibition by a picked group of Highlanders who proved themselves to be immensely capable in wall-scaling, the operation of small-arms and of the many and intricate movements of a modern soldier. Their act was not a long one, but it was packed full of interest from start to finish, and gave a very good idea, in comparison with the manner in which a British soldier attains his high physical standard.

The big item in the vaudeville programme is undoubtedly Willard Mack's playlet, "The Unwritten Law," as presented by Landers Stevens and Georgia Cooper & Co. The leading pair each enact their roles with great ability, while their support is adequate.

In his search for novelties Alexander Pantages certainly discovered the real thing when he booked Allen's Cheyenne Minstrels for a tour over his circuit. These four singers, in the garb of cattle-men, sing a number of attractive songs garnished with a lot of talking comedy. It was something quite new, and as such was keenly relished by the audience.

have the right at any time to inspect and audit the account. A statement of the account, verified, is to be filed with the Provincial Secretary on January 1 and July 1 of each year.

GOOD PROGRAMME AT ROYAL VICTORIA

Change of Pictures Tomorrow Afternoon—Attractions Series Exhibited Twice Daily

The pictures which were shown at the Royal Victoria Theatre yesterday, and which will be shown again for the last time this afternoon and evening, are a very interesting series. They include two two-reel feature films, the first being entitled, "For Bargain," and the second, "The Chorus Girls' Thanksgiving." These are followed by a very good comedy, "When Eddie Takes a Bath."

"THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER"

Famous Light Opera Comes to Royal Victoria for Three Nights and Matinees

The house of Strauss favors the musical comedy, and this city with "The Chocolate Soldier," at the Royal Victoria Theatre for three days, commencing on Tuesday, February 23, with a special matinee on Wednesday, February 24.

What one comes to look upon as the theme and the men responsible for "The Chocolate Soldier" is not to comment upon the change which has come over two of the greatest musical geniuses of the world, but from three of the finest voices. We all read with wonder "Arms and the Man," the work of that greatest of all Irish-English satirists Bernard Shaw. How many of us could have, for a single moment, conceived the possibility of this satirical comedy being put to music.

ADVERSE TO RADICAL ASSESSMENT CHANGE

Retrenchment Association Opposes Reduction—Real Estate Exchange Seeks Conference With Council.

Objections to any reduction in the existing assessment of land values unless accompanied by a corresponding reduction in the rates levied on the property, were voiced by the Civic Retrenchment Association in a communication before the City Council last evening. The Association stated it had been reported that the opinion of some members of the Council was to the effect that the assessment on property in certain sections of the city should be reduced. While realizing that the present assessment is too high, the Association expressed the opinion that the present is no time for reduction on account of there being no fixed values on which a new assessment could be based and that, therefore, any change at the present time would be unjustifiable. Any change in the general assessment would lead to so many protests that it would be found impossible for any board to deal with the matter while the present assessment is in force.

On the same subject the Real Estate Exchange advanced a suggestion to the effect that as a committee of the Exchange has been appointed to assist in the preparation of the roll for this year's assessment, roll the Exchange desired to ask the Council to permit the City Assessor to meet this committee at an early date to hear its views and to co-operate with the Assessor in the preparation of the roll. While the majority of the members of the City Council fully appreciated the fact that, under the Act the City Assessor is supreme in the compilation of the assessment rolls, and in case of complaint on the part of the assessed, the latter has his right of appeal to the Court of Revision, still it was decided that the committee of the Real Estate Exchange and members of the Civic Retrenchment Association will have opportunity, if they so desire, to meet the Council this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

STILL AT LARGE

False Alarm Keep Police Busy Searching After the Elusive Huddleston

If Charles H. Huddleston, escaped prisoner for whom the city police have been hunting in vain since he made his sensational escape from the city jail Friday evening last, was in only one-half the trouble which he has been reported yesterday, he is certainly an individual of surpassing activity and rapidity of movement.

Ever since the photograph of the fugitive appeared in Sunday's Colonist the police have been recipients of information from persons who have had news of his whereabouts. Sunday night there were several false alarms sent in by well-intentioned persons who thought they knew of the man's whereabouts, but it was yesterday that the real excitement ruled. One woman excitedly telephoned that "that fall-bird" was at that very moment hiding in the underbrush in Beacon Hill Park. Hardly had the faller at police headquarters hung up the receiver after answering that call but another message told of Huddleston being seen in the localities of Douglas Street. His name was in Victoria West at 3 p.m. was notified in Chinatown at 5 and at 7:45 the police were notified that at that moment he was drinking in a Blanshard Street hotel bar.

Needless to state all the alarms proved false ones, but the police were kept busy and, while disappointed that the information did not prove to be correct, nevertheless they appreciated the fact that the warnings received had been well meant and given with a desire to aid the prosecution of the hunt after the fugitive.

VALUED CITIZEN DIES

Many Victorians Mourn Loss of Mrs. Kethley, Who Died at New Westminster.

In the death of Mrs. Emma Maid Kethley, widow of the late George E. Kethley, Victoria has lost a most

MAJOR HARRIS WILL GO WITH NEXT CORPS

Popular Officer of 5th Regiment Second in Command Under Lt.-Col. Winsby—Men Leave for Vancouver.

Attention is being directed to the organization of the two new Western Canadian battalions now that the men of the 30th are on their way to the front. Lieut.-Col. W. J. H. Holmes, of this city, who is to have command of the 48th battalion, which is to be mobilized for the third contingent in Victoria, is occupied with the appointment of his staff and with other affairs in connection with his establishment. The same may be said of Lieut.-Col. W. N. Ramsay, commanding officer of the 49th in Winsby, who is also in command of the battalion which is to be quartered at Vancouver and the recruiting for which is under way. Col. Winsby stated last evening that he plans to leave for the Terminal City next week, and that from that date he will be occupied on the Mainland continuously until the third contingent is ready for departure. He is taking with him, as members of his staff, a number of the 5th Regiment officers. One is Major Chester Harris, who will become senior major. Another is Captain P. A. Robertson, who also is a popular local officer.

Major A. L. Coote, who has been stationed at Vancouver as junior major in the Mainland battalion, is in command of the battalion which is to be quartered at Vancouver and the recruiting for which is under way. Col. Winsby stated last evening that he plans to leave for the Terminal City next week, and that from that date he will be occupied on the Mainland continuously until the third contingent is ready for departure. He is taking with him, as members of his staff, a number of the 5th Regiment officers. One is Major Chester Harris, who will become senior major. Another is Captain P. A. Robertson, who also is a popular local officer.

The work of recruiting for the 3rd Contingent is going ahead satisfactorily, not only in Vancouver, but in Victoria. New men are being enlisted every day to the number of between twenty and thirty and, according to report, the majority are of a most satisfactory stamp, both as to character and physique. With the enrollment of volunteers in full swing here, and all arrangements perfected for the same operations in different parts of the Province, it should not be long before the new battalion is established at the Willows Camp and deep in its course of military training.

Reports are rife here that the militia authorities are considering the advisability of quartering about fifty men of the third contingent in Penfold, says the Penfold Herald.

Recruiting for the contingent will commence very soon, it is said, and each company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers will be expected to provide twenty-five men, or 250 from the whole regiment.

The statement has been made that there is a possibility of two companies, that is to say twenty-five from Penfold and an equal number of men from outside points, being stationed here for some length of time prior to the central mobilization.

"For the first time last night Earl Grey's Rifles A Company marched out in uniform," according to a recent issue of "The Prince Rupert Empire." The company paraded at the head of the there with a piper at the head of the company playing the martial air which are sounding inspiration for the Highlanders in the battle line in France.

"Captain W. B. Clayton, Lieut. L. Bullock-Webster and Lieut. Van der Byl had charge of the company, and with the men marched the cadets. An hour's drill was put on in the G. T. E. wharf, cleared and brightly lighted for the occasion by the courtesy of General Supt. Mehan. A large number of on-lookers followed the company down-town and watched the drill."

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esteemed, generous-hearted resident, one who was ever ready to respond to the call of duty. Mrs. Kethley, who died in New Westminster after a short illness, was born in Portland, Oregon, 48 years ago. While an infant, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis, brought her to Victoria and for many years she has resided at 510 Hillside Avenue.

She leaves a cousin, Mr. F. Bulman, Oakland, California, and a host of warm friends to mourn her loss. Interment will take place at Ross Bay Cemetery today at 2:30.

OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of the late George Collins took place yesterday from the residence, 527 Hillside Avenue, and was very largely attended, many of his old friends being present. The I. O. O. F. of which he was a member, attended in a body. The funeral service was conducted in the house by the Van Archdeacon, Scotson, and two hymns were sung, "Abide With Me" and "Nearer My God, to Thee." At the grave, the lodge service was conducted by Bro. E. Newman, Noble Grand of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, assisted by Bro. P. G. Cutlin, chaplain. Many floral designs covered the casket, which showed the esteem in which the late Mr. Collins was held by his friends. The pallbearers, all members of the I. O. O. F., were Messrs. H. Newman, E. A. Babington, J. Davis, P. Graham, E. H. Morris, and C. Christel. Interment was made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BORN—On February 12, to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Duran, Phoenix and Craigflower Road, a daughter.

DIED—KETHLEY—On February 15, 1915, Emma Made, widow of the late George E. Kethley, aged 48 years. Born at Portland, Oregon.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, February 16, at 2:30 p.m. from the E. C. Cutlin, chaplain. Many floral designs covered the casket, which showed the esteem in which the late Mr. Collins was held by his friends. The pallbearers, all members of the I. O. O. F., were Messrs. H. Newman, E. A. Babington, J. Davis, P. Graham, E. H. Morris, and C. Christel. Interment was made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

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NOT SATISFIED WITH TEAMS PERFORMANCE

Lester—Patrick Considering Alterations in Line-Up for Next Game—Grand Fancy Carnival at Arena Tonight.

Lester Patrick is doing some tall thinking these days as to the lineup that he will send into the game at Vancouver on Friday night. The tall leader of the Victoria Club is certainly disappointed over the showing of his Proteges against the Terminal City team last Friday, and he demands that his regulars show better hockey or make way for younger players. The club has not had a single contest this year in which every man was at top form. Somewhat for the forward was poor, while at other times the defence was shaky. That old-time "pop" is also missing, and it looks as if the Champions have fallen into a rut, from which they can be lifted only by a drastic shaking up. The team is working out every day at the Arena, and will rest up on Thursday. Next Tuesday, Portland play their final game of the season here, and if Victoria can put over a win at Vancouver, they will have a chance of throwing a cog into the Portland machine the following week.

Complete arrangements have been made for the hockey season at the Arena that will be held at the Arena tonight under the auspices of the Navy League Chapter, Imperial Order of Daughters of Empire. A very handsome array of prizes has been secured for this year, and, judging from the interest that has been shown in the affair, the turnout will be one of the finest ever witnessed at the Willows Arena. The Grand March will be a feature, while suitable music will be provided by the "Howland" Band.

Y. M. C. A. play the Fraser Mills seven tomorrow night. In the first of the home and home matches for the Provincial Amateur Hockey Championship. The locals had their final workout last night against an all-star amateur septette, and they showed splendid form. Messrs. Poulin and Gorman will act as officials, and a big crowd is looked for.

Lester Patrick will be heard tomorrow evening at the old Victoria Theatre in several of Drummond's "Habitant" selections at the concert held under the auspices of the James Bay Methodist Church.

WESTHOLMES WIN THE BILLIARD TOURNAMENT

Broad Street Won Three of Games Last Night—Westholmes Needed Only One to Win Championship

At the Broad Street rooms last night Westholmes won the championship in the English billiards competition, although losing three games out of five to the home team. There now remains but two matches to be played in the series. On Thursday, Metropolitan C. C. will play James in the home, the former, and on Monday next Broad Street meet Richardson in the last match of the series. The scores last night were as follows: Westholmes, 250; Smith, 250; Ashworth, 250; Scott, 204; Sayers, 177. Broad Street—Irish, 140; Woolcock, 250; Lord, 119; Penketh, 250; Murray, 250.

High breaks were made by Cameron, 57, and Woolcock, 49.

SEATTLE ATHLETE FIGHTS FOR BRITAIN

Bobt. Ellison, Well-Known Soccer Player, Sergeant in B. C. Regiment—Wick Carter Recovers From Meningitis

A letter has been received by Pete Muldoon, the manager of the Portland hockey team of the Pacific Coast League, from an old chum, Robert Ellison.

Ellison used to play soccer with the Celtics in Seattle, and was one of the best soccer players of the Pacific Coast. He is now a sergeant in the First Battalion, British Columbia Regiment, of the Canadian contingent, and the letter was written from the camp at Sallisbury Plain. Extracts from the letter follow:

"You should have come along with us. We have had things kind of tough at times, but have also had numerous good times to make up for it. . . . Nick Carter, your old lacrosse player, is at present just recovering from a bad attack of cerebral spinal fever. In fact he has been reported dead two or three times. . . . I went to the hospital before Christmas and visited him, but since that time he has been isolated. . . . The English girls have taken a great fancy to the Canadians and about 1,000 or so of the contingent have been married since coming here. . . . We are waiting here for orders to go to France. And this last week we have been getting the work slung at us. By all accounts, from the soldiers I have been talking to, who are back from the front on furlough, the war is a good imitation of hell. Having seen this far we are all anxious to have the experience. I will be glad to get to the front, because I was always, as you know, an inquisitive sort of fellow."

STAR POLO PLAYERS COME TO CALIFORNIA

Coronado Tournament Will Be the Best in History of Pacific Coast Polo—International Players to Take Part

CORONADO BEACH, Cal., Feb. 15.—Preparations are being completed for the greatest polo tournament in the history of the Pacific Coast, the tenth annual polo tournament of the Coronado Country Club, which will be held at Coronado from February 21 to March 13, inclusive, as the crowning feature of the annual winter season which began January 1.

OUTLOOK FOR TIMBER

Hon. W. H. Cushing, of Alberta, Anticipates Demand From the Prairie Provinces

An encouraging outlook for the lumbering industry of this Province, in respect to the Prairie markets, is reported by the Hon. W. H. Cushing, ex-Minister of Public Works for Alberta, who spent yesterday in the city. He looks for a considerable development of the Western territory after the war, but thinks the immigration outlook is somewhat problematical.

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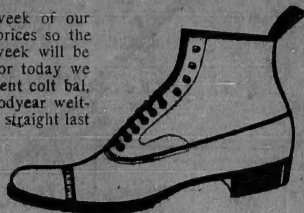
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course, that condition has altered. All the cities of the West are in a common plight in finding their taxation increasing with the necessity of paying for the big improvements of the past few years.

WARDS ARE NOW JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

Close Game Decided in Over-time—First Round of Jackson Cup Series Resulted in Two Drawn Games.

The play-off for the final of the junior soccer championship between the Wards and the Wests resulted in a win for the former after a hard struggle, the whistle blowing at the end of the full period of play with the score at two all. It was agreed to play seven minutes overtime each way to decide a tie, and the Wards managed to notch the points which gave them the junior championship, with only a matter of seconds to go of the stipulated overtime period. At half-time the Wests were leading by 2 to 1.

In the first round of the Jackson Cup series the West seniors played a scoreless draw and the Navy and Fifth Regiment also played a draw with the score 2 all. The C. P. R. team beat Wests "A" team by 5 to 0, and the Thistles were victorious over the Civic Service by 3 to 1.

The following is the schedule of games remaining to be played in this series:

- February 20—Wests v. 5th Regiment, Wests A v. Jacksons, Thistle v. C. P. R., Fairfield v. Navy, Civic Service bye.
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- March 6—Thistle v. 5th Regiment, Jacksons v. Civic Service, Wests v. Navy, Wests A v. Fairfield, C. P. R. bye.
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- March 20—Navy v. Thistle, C. P. R. v. 5th Regiment, Wests v. Wests A, Civic Service v. Fairfield, Jacksons bye.
- March 27—Jacksons v. 5th Regiment, Fairfield v. C. P. R., Wests v. Thistle, Navy v. Civic Service, Wests A bye.
- April 2—Wests v. Civic Service, Wests A v. Thistle, Fairfield v. Jackson, C. P. R. v. Navy, 5th Regiment bye.
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GOOD SHOWING MADE BY SEATTLE BOXERS

Baird, Who Will Be Seen in Action Here Friday, Wins Bout in Inter-Club Tournament—Sontag Wins

The Seattle Athletic Club and the Multnomah Club athletes divided honors at the smoker staged at the Seattle Athletic Club on Saturday night before a bumper crowd.

Henry Gleason, the crack Seattle 125-pounder, lost a hairline decision to Frank Heult, of Portland, at the end of a fourth round called for by the judges. Val Sontag, the promising Seattle middleweight, upheld the honors for the Blue Diamond, by knocking his way to a decision over Pete Bihd. Sontag put up a good exhibition and led in all three of the rounds.

As expected, the contest between Madden and Earl Baird, 125 pounds, was probably the best of the whole tournament. Baird was given the decision after three tough sessions, and there was not a minute in the whole bout when both boys were not fighting.

Scott, 115 pounds, won a close verdict over Irvin Gleason after the judges called for another round in order to select the winner.

Herbert H. Storey, the "mysterious business man" put up a fair exhibition against Hamlet, but could not go quite fast enough and Hamlet won the decision.

Welan Defeats Anderson
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 15.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, easily defeated Jimmy Anderson of Indianapolis here tonight in a six-round

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Just as the players will be of greater ability than in any previous year, their ponies, as a whole, will be finer. This is not because the best ponies in the land have not been used here, but because it will not be necessary for the California players to divide up their strings with visiting Eastern players, which has often been the case.

This year the majority of the Eastern players have shipped out their own strings and the Coronado stables, with a capacity of 250 ponies, have been filled and several stables convenient to the club have been taken as quarters for the overflow.

The string brought out by the Cooperstown team, for instance, includes eight of ten ponies purchased in California for the international games with the English teams. The English international teams also have had their quota of California bred polo ponies.

In arranging for this great polo tournament, the committee found it necessary to gain a longer time than the usual dates of March 1 to March 15, and the American Polo Association, the governing body of American polo, granted an extension of time by making the opening date February 21.

Among the trophies to be contested for are the \$4,500 Pacific Coast All-America polo trophy, offered by John D. Sprackles, the California Challenge polo trophy; the California Junior Championship trophy, open to teams whose handicap rating does not exceed twelve, and the Hotel Del Coronado Handicap cups.

The competitions at Riverside include play for the cup donated last year by Mr. Walter H. Dupe, of Coronado, to take place of the Mackay trophy, who Coronado won. Riverside play will also be for the Pacific Coast circuit cup offered by the American Polo Association and played for at Coronado in 1913, San Mateo in 1914 and now is at Riverside.

Cross-Country Run. Chandler, the Vancouver star, who has had things pretty much his own way for several years in the Northwest in the cross-country runs will meet a foe worthy of his best efforts in Jans Haynes, entered under the Seattle Athletic Club colors for the ten mile race at Seattle on Friday next. Haynes is a runner of some note in the East. He has a record of 53 minutes 30.8 seconds. Haynes is said to be in fine condition, and has already been in training for some time.

Other entries who will bear watching are Charles Smith and Harry Flooter.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 15.—"Kid" Williams, the bantamweight champion, outfighted Jimmy Hurray of New York in a six-round bout here tonight.

ICE CARNIVAL WILL BE BRILLIANT EVENT

Large Attendance Expected at Arena Tonight—Distinguished Patronage Ensures Success of Event

The ice carnival which will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the Arena promises to be one of the most successful events of its kind held in the city for some time. Under the auspices of the Navy League Chapter of the Imperial Daughters of Empire, the committee in charge is making elaborate preparations for a large attendance. The following gentlemen have consented to act as patrons: His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Richard McBride, Admiral Story, H. N. Sir Clive Phillips-Wolley, president of the Federated Navy Leagues of British Columbia, Mr. W. E. Oliver, president of the Victoria Branch of the Navy League, and Mr. W. Blakemore.

Handsome prizes will be given for the best costumes worn by ladies, gentlemen and children, as well as for the couple which can demonstrate its superiority in waiting on the ice. The musical part of the entertainment will be provided by the bands of the 5th Regiment and the 8th Fusiliers.

Mrs. F. S. Barnard has kindly consented to give away the prizes, while the judges will be Mr. W. J. Bower, Mrs. W. Hose and Mrs. W. Blakemore. The proceeds of the carnival will be devoted to the Patriotic aims of the order. There is a great need of funds and the organizers hope for generous support. The tickets may be obtained of Messrs. Short, Hill & Dunlop, corner Broad and View Streets, at the price of 50 cents each, and the prizes are on view in the windows of this store.

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February Housefurnishing Sale

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AKI MARU SAILS ON REVISED SCHEDULE

Japanese Liner Takes on Cargo Here Before Clearing for Ports in the Far East on New Sailing Date.

Taking her first Monday departure, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Aki Maru, Captain Noma, sailed from the Outer Docks last night bound for Yokohama and Hong Kong. This is claimed to be the first time since the Japanese service was inaugurated that a vessel of the fleet has departed earlier on a Tuesday. The new schedule has been responsible for a general shake-up in the sailings of both the N. Y. K. and O. S. K. lines, and until matters adjusted themselves the operation of the steamers of these two lines will be more or less irregular. In the future the two subsidized steamships of the N. Y. K. fleet, the Yokohama Maru and Shizuoka Maru, will be dispatched from Victoria on Fridays, while the other vessels plying in the Pacific will continue to depart on Tuesdays. As the mail steamer at present the mail ships of both the O. S. K. and N. Y. K. lines, will put to sea from this side on Friday, although the liner Aki Maru has spent a shorter time than usual on this side of the Pacific since her outward last night laden with a cargo of mail, telegraph stuffs, machinery and lumber, consigned to the ports in Japan and China. The greater part of the vessel's cargo was loaded on Puget Sound, but an important shipment was put aboard at Victoria in the shape of a cargo of arms, supplied by the Cameron-Webster Company, and intended for the construction of telegraph and telephone lines in the Far East.

Space for Victoria Freight From now on the outward cargoes offered at Puget Sound ports will be somewhat lighter, and it is expected that additional space will be allowed the Victoria agents to receive cargo. The indications at present it is probable that considerable freight will be exported from British Columbia in the future by N. Y. K. ships. Two intermediate and twenty-one steamer passenger vessels of the Aki Maru here. Late this afternoon the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Canada Maru will leave port on her return trip to the Orient. She is also taking out a full cargo, and a good list of passengers. She arrived off-shore ahead of the Aki Maru and is sailing on Wednesday.

O. S. K. Call on Sound According to information received here the Osaka Shosen Kaisha is to change its first port of call on Puget Sound from Tacoma to Seattle. The announcement of the change which, it is understood, is to become effective next month, is said to be entirely due to the demand of the Japanese for the rearrangement of sailings to suit the mail contracts. After first touching at Victoria to put off passengers and freight, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha steamers will land at Seattle and Tacoma, and passengers, thence going to Tacoma, will be taken to Seattle by the same route as the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad will continue to serve the Aki Maru's route. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha is said, however, to be more conveniently and economically handled at Seattle.

NAVAL COMPLIMENTS FOR CAPT. HALLIDAY Master of Harrison Steamship Secures Recognition for Clever Work While in Government Service.

Each of the first five months of canal traffic showed a substantial gain over the month previous, but since the first of this year there has been a slight falling off in traffic. January will probably show a decrease over the record month of December. The total tonnage of the month was 1,007,277 tons, which was carried in 354 vessels of all classes. The December tonnage was not quite as large as that of November, although the toll collected was greater, as compared with November with 448,801 tons. Of the 354 ships to use the canal, 30 were in ballast, or non-cargo carriers. Of the total tonnage, 1,007,277 tons were carried in 177 westbound ships and 177,682 tons in 179 eastbound vessels.

DELHI WENT ADrift Gasoline Schooner Flies Up Wrack and Tows It to Shelter of Strait

Meeting with head winds on route up the coast, the Pacific Coast steamship President was delayed in reaching port from San Francisco. The President arrived at the Outer Docks at 4:10 p.m. yesterday to disembark passengers before proceeding on to Puget Sound. The steamer was an hour behind schedule in clearing from San Francisco and she bumped into adverse winds soon after passing through the Golden Gate.

AGAIN A COLLIER Bessmer Thor to Load at Nanaimo for San Francisco Before Filling Quebec Charter

Before proceeding to Portland to load lumber for Quebec the Norwegian steamer Thor, chartered by Sudden & Christensen, may load a coal cargo at Nanaimo for the Pacific coast. Negotiations for such a voyage are under way. The total order is for 4,500,000 feet, and as the Thor carries 3,500,000 feet, another vessel, probably a coaster, will be fixed to complete the delivery.

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GLEN LINER COMING

While no report of her actual sailing had been received last night by the Victoria agents, the British steamship Victoria, Captain Richard Webster, of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's fleet, was scheduled to sail from Yokohama yesterday on her maiden trip across the Pacific. A full description of the Glenline has previously appeared in these columns. She was recently built for the Glen Line, one of the many lines associated with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. She is expected to reach Victoria on March 1.

STEAMER ST. HUGO HAS CHANGED HANDS

The steel screw steamer Saint Hugo, built in England, and owned by Messrs. Rankin, Gilmour & Co., of Liverpool, has been sold to British buyers. The Saint Hugo is of 4,372 tons gross, with dimensions of 461 feet by 52.1 feet by 27 feet. She was built at Dumbarton in 1912 by Messrs. A. McMillan & Son, and fitted with triple expansion engines.

Now that the Saint Hugo has been sold, it is possible that Captain Portay, who was with her on her last trip here, will be given charge of his old ship, the Saint Patrick. He has been in the service of Messrs. Rankin, Gilmour & Co. for many years. Another recent shipping sale was the Norwegian-owned Maranda, which has been sold to Australian buyers. She was formerly known as the Lord Canine, and was then owned by Messrs. C. W. Kolloff & Co., of Liverpool. The steel screw steamer Ad-antic, built in England, and owned by Messrs. Rankin, Gilmour & Co., of Liverpool, was formerly the Dominion Hall, owned by Messrs. C. G. Dunn & Co., of Liverpool. She is a vessel of 2,947 tons gross register, and was built in 1889 at Newcastle by Palmers Co.

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STEAMER ST. HUGO HAS CHANGED HANDS The steel screw steamer Saint Hugo, built in England, and owned by Messrs. Rankin, Gilmour & Co., of Liverpool, has been sold to British buyers. The Saint Hugo is of 4,372 tons gross, with dimensions of 461 feet by 52.1 feet by 27 feet. She was built at Dumbarton in 1912 by Messrs. A. McMillan & Son, and fitted with triple expansion engines.

MARKED ADVANCE IN GRAIN RATES Freighter Batsford, First Fifty-Shilling Charter, Goes on Berth—Lowther Castle Gets Sixty-Five-Shillings.

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Are here in a splendid variety of styles in all the new leading shades for early Spring wear.

Silk Sweater Coats, in new shapes, with belt back and side pockets. Colors emerald, rose, Belgian blue, purple, black with emerald, and helio with white.

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CORSET COVERS

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Corset Covers of fine nainsook trimmed with Swiss embroidery and fine lace. Values to 75c. Wednesday 50c

Combinations of fine Swiss embroidery, in dainty designs. Values to \$3.00. Wednesday at \$2.00

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Corset Covers of fine muslins, yoke of embroidery; made in slipover style. Special at 75c

Nightgowns of fine nainsook; round yoke of fine Swiss embroidery; short sleeves, trimmed to match. Special at \$2.00

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Corset Covers of all-over Swiss embroidery. Values to \$1.50. Wednesday \$1.00

Nightgown of fine nainsook; yoke of imitation Irish crochet; short sleeves trimmed to match. Special at \$2.50

Regular \$8.50 to \$9.00 for \$4.25

Underskirts of fine nainsook; hand of Swiss embroidery around bottom. Values to \$1.50 for \$1.00

Four-Piece Sets including Gown, Corset Cover, Drawers and Underskirt. Values to \$12.50 for per set \$7.50

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Underskirts with 18 in. flounce of fine Swiss embroidery, also dust frill. Special at \$2.25

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Kiddies' and Boys' Hats and Tams

Values to \$1.50, Clearing at 25c and 50c

An assortment of Hats and Tams, suitable for boys and kiddies are being cleared out at exceptionally low prices today.

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Strongly made frames finished in golden, fumed and early English styles. Best British plate glass, some plain, others bevelled. Most suitable for bathroom, bedroom and kitchen or hall. Various sizes each 85c to \$3.00

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Clearing Away Broken Assortments in Men's Overcoats and Mackintoshes

A GOOD, useful quality Mackintosh is that portion of a man's wardrobe that's wanted the year around. A good warm Overcoat is also an essential garment for Winter and early Spring wear.

Men's Overcoats in heavy tweeds and chinchillas. Clearing today at \$19.75 and \$13.75

Men's Mackintoshes, in both double and single textures. Clearing today at \$9.75 and \$7.75

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The Mantle Department Holds a Special Clean-Up of Tailored and Novelty Suits Serge and Silk Dresses, Cloth Skirts and Tunics--Wednesday

Ladies' Novelty Suits Values to \$45.00, Wednesday \$9.75

Very smart styles in fancy checks and plain colors. Beautiful quality materials and a splendid chance to secure a really good costume for small outlay.

Tailored and Novelty Suits Values to \$75.00, Wednesday \$14.75

Beautiful quality Suits in very smart styles—some man-tailored and others in novelties—broadcloths and serges the chief materials, and in colors purple, red, navy and black.

AT 2:30 WEDNESDAY Special Clean-Up of Chiffon and Lace Tunics at \$1.00 and \$2.50

Reg. Values to \$10.00

LOVELY quality laces and dainty chiffons. Some beautifully trimmed with sequin and beads, others in accordion pleated chiffons.

Afternoon and Evening Dresses Values to \$12.50, Wednesday \$4.90

Wednesday should see a complete clearance of these smart Dresses in serges and silks suitable for afternoon and evening wear.

Ladies' Cloth Skirts Values to \$15.00, Wednesday \$5.90

These are exceptionally good bargains and well worth while to those who will be needing a separate cloth skirt for early Spring and Summer wear.

Very Rich Shades in Silk Crepes de Chine

An exquisite range of Silk Crepes de Chine suitable for evening wear and blouses, is now being shown in the silk department on main floor.

Silk Crepe Ninons—42 in. wide, in colors navy blue, brown, violet, cerise, royal, emerald, Nile and black. Usually sold at \$1.00. Today, special at, yd. 50c

Clean Up of Washable Table Covers, Values \$5.25 to \$7.50 to Go at \$2.90

To clean up this line of washable table covers we have cut the price in half. Each cover is a good washable quality and artistic in design and coloring.

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A Clearance of Bedroom Chairs and Rockers

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Too large a stock of high-class Bedroom Chairs, Dressing Chairs and Rockers has brought the prices down on some 50 chairs to about one-half the regular, and on others one-third off.

Every chair in this assortment is a superior quality, well designed and strongly made.



New Spring Patterns in Men's Negligee Shirts at \$1.00

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Hemstitched, Plain and Twilled Sheets: Regular \$4.00 grade for pair \$3.25

Useful Size Tapestry Squares Clearing Today at \$5.90

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a very low price for this quality, and you have your choice from a full range of designs in both light and dark shades.

Printed Oilcloth at 25c Square Yard

An inexpensive floor covering, suitable for bedrooms, surroundings and any place where there's not too much traffic, and only an inexpensive quality required.

Lace Nets, Bordered Scrims and Mercerized Marquisettes, Clearing at 38c Yard

A fine assortment of Curtain Materials in this lot, suitable for any style of window. Pretty designs and colorings; 36 inches wide.

Heavy Cretannes, Values to 75c, Clearing at 45c Yard

Suitable for slip covers and draperies of all descriptions. Fast colors and washable.

50-in. Parisian Cotton in Jaspé Effect, Clearing at 38c Yard

In colors pink, two shades, mid green, and blue. Washable and most effective. A quality regularly sold at 85c yard.

Lace Bengalow Nets, 75c Grades, Clearing at 48c Yard

A better grade Bengalow Net in very neat designs, suitable for any style of window.

When Buying Dinner or Tea Ware Why Not Consider the Open Stock Patterns

THE open stock patterns give you the chance of making up your own set to your own particular requirements. You have, too, the great advantage of being able to replace any piece that might accidentally get broken, thus keeping your set always complete and perfect.

A Neat Design—This set has a highly glazed white body and is decorated with a gold band and two fine gold lines. A nice quality ware.

A Pretty Design—With a neat band of blue, intersected with small pink roses and touched with gold.

Another Set has a nice white glazed body, prettily trimmed with a narrow bronze band and two black hair lines and clusters of small roses.

A Handsome Design is one finished with plain gold band and gold handles on a beautiful glazed set of high-grade English semi-porcelain.

White Blankets

Regular \$4.00 grade for pair \$3.25

Eiderdown Comforters

Sateen-covered, panelled and quilted, from each \$3.75 to \$11.75

Towels

White and Colored Turkish, for hand or bath use; various sizes and qualities.

Useful Cutlery at Inexpensive Prices

THE following articles, while inexpensive in price, are a good, useful quality, especially suited for camp and every day use.

Tinned Tea Spoons, per doz. 25c

Tinned Dessert Spoons, per doz. 50c

Tinned Table Spoons, per doz. 75c